



# Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

## AGENDA

December 18, 2019

Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room B

10:00 AM

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### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of [Minutes](#) from meeting on October 23, 2019
- b. [Appointment of new](#) Equity, Inclusion, and Cultural Competence Co-Chair
- c. Approval of [report and recommendations on CHINS 3.5](#)
- d. Reconsideration of endorsement of [IDOE's Positive Discipline Guide](#)

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### 3. Strategic Plan

- a. Julie Whitman, Commission Executive Director  
**Action requested:** approval of [2020-2022 strategic plan](#) and revised [Roles and Responsibilities](#)  
**Action requested:** approval of Commission governance of Indiana's Birth-to-Five Strategic Plan

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### 4. Strategic Priority: Juvenile Justice and Cross-System Youth

- a. Victoria Szczechowski and Lewis Ostermeyer, on behalf of Rep. McNamara  
**Action requested:** approval of [request for a Juvenile Justice Reform Task Force](#) to work with the Council of State Governments on a [system assessment](#)

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### 5. Strategic Priority: Child Safety & Services

- a. Sharon Pierce, The Villages  
**Action requested:** approve [recommendation](#) on guardianship assistance for kinship caregivers
- b. Chris Daley, IARCA  
**Action requested:** [endorsement](#) of [resource guide](#) on limiting seclusion and restraint in residential settings
- c. Heather Kestian, DCS  
Presentation: Families First Prevention and Services Act—Indiana's plan
- d. Dr. Kris Box, ISDH  
Presentation: Youth vaping in Indiana

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### 6. Equity, Inclusion, and Cultural Competence

- a. Timike Jones, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Presentation: [common language document](#)

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### 7. Committee Updates

- a. Rep. Ed Clere, Child Services Oversight Committee

8. **Discussion: Future Meeting Topics or other Items from Commission Members**
9. **Next Meeting:** February 19, 2020  
**Volunteer appreciation reception to follow meeting on the other side of Conference Room B.**

**2020 Meeting Dates**

**February 19—Indiana Supreme Court, Courtroom**

**April 22—IGCS, Conference Room C**

**June 17—IGCS, Conference Room C**

**August 19—IGS, Conference Room C**

**October 21—Indiana State Library, History Reference Room**

**December 15—IGCS, Conference Room C**

**Vision:** *Every child in Indiana will have a safe and nurturing environment and be afforded opportunities to grow into a healthy and productive adult.*